In July, the Obama administration unveiled a new website that provides easy-to-understand information about health insurance reform.   HealthCare.gov brings health insurance to a level we can all understand.

This website makes it easier than ever before to locate health coverage and understand how new rules (such as the Patient's Bill of Rights) will affect everyone.

Technology continues to change how we live, but some advances have come faster than others. We can compare prices for vacations with just a couple clicks, but until now, shopping for health insurance hasn't evolved.

HealthCare.gov was created to remove the mystery from health insurance shopping.

Visit the website, answer a few simple questions, and HealthCare.gov will provide all your coverage options, both public and private plans, that are tailored to your age, location and health needs.

The site is easy to use, it's comprehensive, and it's only going to get better.

In October, the site will begin to host information on prices of health insurance plans, making the process even more transparent. And be on the lookout for even more features, including a database of hospital quality ratings and tools to help you stay healthy.

The website is a great tool, but it's just one of many steps that have already been taken thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

The new law already prevents insurance companies from denying children coverage because

of a preexisting condition. It has eliminated caps on the amount of benefits that will be paid over a lifetime. It has allowed young adults up to age 26 without insurance to remain on their parent's plan.

   The Affordable Care Act has started to bridge the Medicare coverage gap with payments to seniors. And small businesses are now eligible for tax credits to help them afford coverage for employees.

   And starting in August, eligible residents of California will be able to apply for coverage through the state's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan. The plan will include a range of health benefits, even if they're used to treat a pre-existing condition.

And guess what? You can learn more about that plan at HealthCare.gov !

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